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DETAILED ACTION

Double Patenting

1. Claims 1-8, 12, 17, 19, 21, 22, and 41-44 of this application conflict with claims 1-13 and 21-24 of Application No. 2002/0057693. In addition, claims 1, 2, 4, and 9 of this application also conflict with claims 1, 4, 5, and 7 of Application No. 2002/0061101. Therefore, 37 CFR 1.78(b) provides that when two or more applications filed by the same applicant contain conflicting claims, elimination of such claims from all but one application may be required in the absence of good and sufficient reason for their retention during pendency in more than one application. Applicant is required to either cancel the conflicting claims from all but one application or maintain a clear line of demarcation between the applications. See MPEP § 822.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 26-29, 31, 33-40 are allowed.
3. Claims 10, 11, 13-16, 18, 20, 23-25 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phirin Sam whose telephone number is (571) 272-3082. The examiner can normally be reached on a compress schedule, from 8:00-5:30, first Wed off.

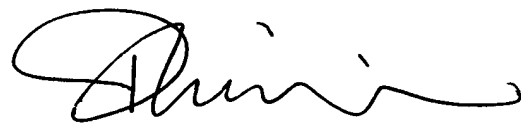
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wellington Chin can be reached on (571) 272 - 3134. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Respectfully submitted,

Date: August 18, 2006

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phirin Sam", written over a horizontal line.

**PHIRIN SAM
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